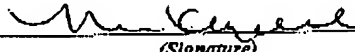


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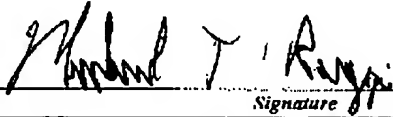
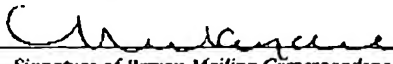
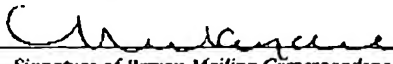
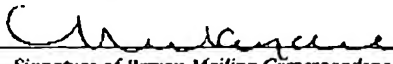
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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action dated October 10, 2006, which was made final, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/arguments begin on Page 7 of this paper.